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Top: Clayton Roper's viewpoint of the intersection where he was hit. Above: Clayton Roper returns to the exact spot he was standing when he was hit.

Student hit standing on curb

Visually impaired student struck by speeding driver

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On Nov. 16, senior mass communication major Clayton Roper was struck by a car while standing on the curb at the intersection of South Clarke Street and West Greene Street. He recalls the incident.

“I was walking back from the Yokel Local. I was doing an assignment for one of my classes. I was interviewing people there,” said Roper, who is visually impaired. “I was heading back to my room in Napier. I was getting ready to cross the street. The crossing on the corner of Clarke and Green, and I had stopped right at the crosswalk. I hadn’t stepped out and all of a sudden I hear this screech and I look over and a car is about five feet away from hitting me, and then it hit me.”

According to a report from the Milledgeville Police Department, the driver of the vehicle was attempting to turn left onto West Green Street when she lost control of her vehicle and ran onto the curb where she struck Roper.

“After I got hit, I got up and ran away because I didn’t know if the person lost control or they just went insane,” said Roper. “To me, it looked like they just hit me. I didn’t know if something went wrong with their car or what. Plus, I landed in the middle of the road. I just got hit by one car and I didn’t want to get hit by another, so I immediately got up and ran to the sidewalk and sat down.”

Fire department and EMS arrived at the scene and took Roper to Oconee Regional Medical Center. Roper was shaken, but relatively unharmed.

“Nothing was broken. They took x-rays. I got a huge gash on my foot. It’s going to leave a huge scar on my ankle. I’m also seeing the chiropractor for my knees,” he said.

Roper says that he travels more cautiously now since the incident, but also that he still has to walk through the intersection each day.

“I’m a lot more cautious when it comes to cars that are very close by. I look at things as a matter of inches, because cars and people walk and drive up

and down the street everyday and they miss each other by inches,” he said. “We live like that very day. It is a glorious coincidence that this doesn’t happen more often. I have to walk by [the intersection] everyday. Everyday, multiple times a day. I cannot not walk past it. My job is through that intersection. My classes are through that intersection. I have to walk through it every day.”

While Roper approaches the crosswalk differently now, he also thinks that both drivers and pedestrians could do things differently.

“[Driving] is taken for granted. The responsibility of getting behind the wheel is taken for granted for most people because it something almost everyone does,” said Roper. “I think that it’s not taken as seriously as it should, but I also think being a pedestrian is taken for granted that just because you’re a pedestrian and you have the right-of-way that they repel everything. I’ve seen people just wander into streets that have a green light and they assume that nothing will come speeding around corner and hit them.”



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The Free Speech Zone stands as a testament to the First Amendment and serves as a place for open and peaceful protest. Recently the temporary home to Brother Jed and Sister Cindy.

Cold, hard truth about Free Speech Zone

The Free Speech Zone serves as a place for open protest as part of the First Amendment

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The Free Speech Zone on front campus bustles with patriotic symbolism: an American flag soars overhead each day and a triumphant flame adorns the stout Olympic column. Despite that, students are rarely seen in the zone flexing their patriotic rights.

The First Amendment declares that no law passed by Congress can limit our speech. Since then, the rule has mutated to accommodate the world’s many situations. Today, it stands that laws may control the time, place and manner in which the public can broadcast beliefs; however, authorities do not have the power to censor the content of speech.

Many Georgia College students take offense in the mere existence of the zone. “The fact that a free speech zone has to exist contradicts every value America was founded on,” said Kenneth Brady.

Brady worries most for the generation growing up in an America with symbols

that imply free speech is limited to certain areas. “These zones weren’t a thing 15 years ago,” said Brady.

Political science major Olivia Eason voiced an identical opinion.

“The fact that such zones exist is really an affront to speech,” said Eason. “Any restriction on the voicing of thought, no matter how controversial, is extremely dangerous.”

Many students expressed similar feelings, all criticizing some ambiguous authority figure for restricting their speech by establishing a free speech zone. Oddly enough, despite this “extreme danger,” these volatile opinions, spoken beyond The Free Speech Zone, were not drowned out by the drone of helicopter blades and the stomp of riot police.

In fact, no GC students admitted to having their freedom of speech impeded in any way by campus authorities. In truth, it seems these students were empowered by the free speech zone: constantly glancing at its symbolism fondly while simultaneously criticizing its existence.

Their apprehensions are not

unwarranted, however. Free speech zones are frequently used to stifle the peoples’ voice. At political campaigns, protesters are redirected to a cage labeled “Free Speech Zone.” In these cages, dissenters can voice their opinion well away from the media’s view.

What students overlook is that The Free Speech Zone is there for their protection, rather than their limitation.

Every year the campus ministry evangelists stop their nationwide tour in Milledgeville to admonish students on their way to class. Brother Jed and his disciples bludgeon passersby with accusations of sin coupled with perverse translations of Bible verses. Sister Cindy, who proudly refers to herself as “The Tampon Lady,” swings a staff of sullied tampons in the telling of her testimony. Students, Atheists and Christians alike, stop every year to witness the evangelists’ methods.

Luckily for Georgia College students, Brother Jed and his colleagues are not permitted to erupt their fire and brimstone by the fountain, where their rantings would be heard all through the

library. Nor are they allowed to preach by Maxwell Student Union, where they would be potentially steering customers away from nearby businesses.

With the existence of the free speech zone, our university reserves the right, rather than to stifle these fanatics, to simply relocate them to a minimally disruptive space. And the university can do so without making headlines as an anti-freedom university.

In light of Brother Jed’s tyranny over past years, students find themselves more thankful for the Free Speech Zone. “I’m glad religious zealots aren’t allowed to follow me around campus telling me that I’m a whore for daring to be female and at a university,” said Carol Ann Parrot.

Georgia College encourages free speech anywhere on campus, but the university also protects its students’ freedom to hear whatever they want and to go to class undisturbed. So if you have an opinion share it, but if you want to make a spectacle of yourself, take it to The Free Speech Zone.



Recycling bins separate various recyclable items from regular trash.

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Waste audit calls students to bring about a change

Environmental science club gets down, dirty for cause

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A group of Georgia College students emptied bags upon bags of waste onto front campus. No, these students aren't litter fiends. They are recycling advocates.

On Nov. 20 senior environmental science majors Trevor Alexander, Wesley Randall, Matthew Swords and junior biology Seth Whitehouse conducted a waste audit in order to collect data regarding GC's recycling rate.

They took garbage bags from designated non-recyclable and recyclable bins found in at various on-campus locations.

Any student passing by the waste audit was encouraged to participate, and many did. Those helping with the event dumped out the bags of trash, sorted the recyclables from the non-recyclables, and collected percentages and weights of the arranged trash.

The group who initially started the waste audit found

that 20 percent of the waste collected from the recycling bins was non-recyclable. Despite the recyclable materials being slightly contaminated, recycling center workers can still sift through the trash, but not all people who manage waste are aware of this.

Senior environmental science major, Matthew Swords, shadowed a Milledgeville waste management official during his morning route.

Swords said that they would go to a designated recycling bin and open it. If the bin had a single black bag, it was considered trash. If a clear (recyclable) bag had a hole in it, it was trash. If the clear bag had any sort of trash seen in it, you guessed it—trash.

The results of the waste audit concluded that GCSU has a recycling rate of one percent. Randall said that UGA's recycling rate is around 20 percent, whereas other institutions reach as high as 50 percent.

In a week's span, only five to six bags of recyclables are

collected at GC; these bags are the total findings from every on-campus location.

"Somehow we need to find a way to institutionalize the solution," said Doug Oetter, associate professor of geography.

A couple of solutions were brought to light by the waste audit leaders. They said that the logical steps to take to solve GC's recycling problem include educating the students, GC faculty and custodial staff about the benefits of recycling and what is recyclable, and also through strategic placement of recycling bins.

They also presented the idea of pairing trash bins with recycle bins to make sorting waste more convenient and the option of recycling more obvious.

"We could sort of cultivate a social environment where recycling actually makes you happy and it's deemed as cool, and you want to do it," said Randall. "But right now it is not necessarily the case."



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Buddhist monks spend five days building a mandala, only to dismantle and distribute into local waters and the audience of the closing ceremony.

Mandala

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In each direction represented by the petals, a gate exists. These gates symbolize the joining of the boundless thoughts: loving kindness, compassion, sympathy and equanimity.

Belanger said that out of compassion these monks want to achieve awakening as quickly as possible; thus, they paint this temple that contains a deity in order to transform into an awakened being.

"It's kind of fake it like you make it," said Belanger. "You imagine yourself as something."

The monks are originally from India, but

they also have an established monastery in Atlanta called Drepung Loseling Monastery, Inc.

Ruby Werts, a permanent volunteer at Allen's Market Building, said that the monks travel to different places creating mandalas for 12 to 18 months. So far they have made 27 mandalas this year.

When the mandala is finished, the monks will conduct a closing ceremony where they will sweep away the sand painting and deposit it into the Oconee River Greenway.

"It's an amazing reminder that nothing lasts," said James Callahan, senior psychology major. "It's one of the most beautiful things I've ever seen. It'll soon be a part of everything."



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Distributing the madala into water is traditionally a prayer seeking the blessing of world peace.

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Christmas shopping on a college budget

Our guide to shopping for everyone on your list, keeping the purse strings tight

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It can be near impossible to buy yourself even the simplest necessities on a college budget, so you can forget about trying to buy holiday gifts for your mom, dad, roommate, suitemate etc., right? Wrong.

Meet your new best friends: crafting and thrifting.

When we think thrift store we think cheap and used, but the possibilities are endless. Whether craft savvy or craft challenged, with a little faith and creativity you can transform a cheap purchase into a worthy gift.

Walking into a thrift store can be overwhelming at first. There's too much to look at and most of it looks useless — don't be fooled.

We're here to show you that there's more to thrifting than searching for ugly Christmas sweaters (but be sure to pick one of those up, too).

First, head to the mug section and take your time looking — leave no stone unturned. A unique mug with your mom, dad or friend's favorite coffee grounds inside makes a perfect and unexpected gift. If you're not sure about coffee grounds, how about a gift card to his or her favorite coffee shop? Tie a ribbon around it and call it a day.

Next, check out the CD section. Find a cheap CD with an in-tact, clean CD case on it; most thrift stores have them for two or three dollars. Remove the CD booklet and use the case to

make a personalized photo frame! If you happen to like the music on the disc that's a plus, too. A square photo fits perfect in the case, but if you want to use a rectangular one then adhere patterned card stock or fabric to the case to make a bordered frame that fits your photo. Pretty paper, fabric, stickers and ribbon all make great additions to your frame. You can even use acrylic paint to paint a name, quote or design on the plastic! It's the perfect affordable, personalized gift.

We're still not done. We told you the possibilities are endless.

Want to make jewelry but don't want to pay high prices for beads? Get thrifty! Check out the jewelry section. Necklaces can be as cheap as 50 cents some places! Sure, most — if not all — thrift store jewelry is severely unattractive. Keep an open mind. You're just using the beads anyway! Cut the necklace or bracelet thread and reuse the beads on your own piece of twine, elastic, leather — whatever medium you choose. Who knows, you may end up with some vintage beads and you'll definitely end up with one-of-a-kind piece of jewelry.

There's plenty to be said for thrifting this holiday season as long as you remember to add a dash of creativity. Walk into Salvation Army like you own the place, because you got this.

Your wallet will thank you and so will your friends and family. Get out there and redefine "college budget" this holiday season. We're rooting for you.

THE · SHORT · LIST

The top new stories from all over the world as collected, curated and composed by **Katie Skogen**



At least someone is keeping a cool head. Louis Head, stepdad of Michael Brown, the 18-year-old killed by police officer Darren Wilson, released a public apology for his actions in Ferguson the night officer Wilson was not indicted by the grand jury. He was reported as saying "burn this b**** down" along with other offensive remarks. Head said he was speaking out of anger and regrets his statements, "In the end, I've lived in this community for a long time. The last thing I truly wanted was to see it go up in flames. In spite of my frustration, it really hurt to see that." Take note America. (CNN)

Trouble down in Texas. Ethics in the U.S. court system get muddier and muddier. Scott Panetti, a schizophrenic Texan convicted of murder in 1992, was sentenced to the death penalty to be executed on Wednesday. However, the federal appeals court of New Orleans halted the execution. Panetti's lawyers said he was too delusional to be executed. (USA Today)

Too hot to handle. I know this may come as a shock, but the weather has been unseasonably hot this year. So hot, in fact, that it's tied for the hottest year on record. According the UN Weather Agency, 2014 may pass 2010 as the hottest year in record history. On Wednesday the UNWA rejected their claim that global warming has halted. Don't hold your breath for a white Christmas this year. (Associated Press)

The knots are staying tied. A recent study by The New York Times showed that more marriages are occurring than ever before, and less are ending in divorces. New numbers show that only one-third of marriages are now ending in divorce, contrary to the previously believed 50 percent. Couples are also waiting longer to be married, and those with more education have the highest rate of staying together. Don't give up, there IS a point to staying in college. (TODAY Show)

Dying deadlines. President Barack Obama has delayed an executive action on immigration regarding the deportation of illegal immigrants. The original decision was set to take place in the summer, then was changed until after midterm elections and finally has been postponed indefinitely. Officials said the specifics of the decision are still being developed, therefore they cannot put in anything into action just yet. (Newsweek)

The grand jury strikes again. To add to the political unrest surrounding the Ferguson case, another white police officer was not indicted in a case involving the death of a black man. New York police officer Daniel Pantaleo was videotaped in the killing of Eric Garner. Eric's stepfather urged peace regarding the incident. (Associated Press)

WHERE'S JACK SPARROW WHEN YOU NEED HIM?

Nov. 11, 1:08 a.m. Officer Kennedy pulled over a Ford F-150 for failure to maintain lane. During the stop, Kennedy saw an open bottle of Kraken rum. However, neither occupants had been drinking. The driver was issued a citation for having an open container and the bottle was disposed of. No further action was taken.

YOU'RE BANNED... AND PROBABLY GROUNDED

Nov. 12, 11:05 p.m. Sgt. Smith and Officer Kennedy were sent to Russell Library by Student Security in reference to a suspicious person going behind the counter at Books and Brew. Kennedy and Smith made contact with four people at the Information Technology Lab. One of the group members was 13, and another had been banned from Georgia College property since March. The one who was previously banned from GC property was arrested, while the 13-year-old was banned from GC property and taken home to his mother.

SHE'S A BACK SEAT FIGHTER

Nov. 16, 1:45 a.m. Officer Kennedy pulled a vehicle over for going 70 mph in a 55 mph speed zone. The driver was cooperative and said they were speeding because the two passengers were drunk and arguing with each other. When Kennedy went back to his vehicle to run their information for warrants, one of the passengers began hitting the other. Kennedy arrested the aggressor and gave the driver a verbal warning.

HE'S AS DUMB AS A DOOR MAT

Nov. 20, 10:58 p.m. Sgt. Smith was told by Milledgeville Police Department Officer Boyer that he saw a GC Housing door mat on the front porch of a house on S. Wilkinson Street. Smith made contact with the resident who said he took it in the fall semester of 2013. Smith told the guy he would have to pay for the mat and sent the case to Student Judicial.

IF YOU DON'T LOOK A COP IN THE EYES, THEY CAN'T SEE YOU

Nov. 23, 12:31 a.m. Officer Johnson saw two girls walking and stumbling into each other on the sidewalk. One of them was throwing up as she stumbled along. Johnson walked up and spoke to them, but they avoided eye contact and kept walking. Johnson tried talking to them again and they said they were sorry and almost home. One of them had vomit in her hair and on her dress. Johnson tried to get them to take a breathalyzer, but they did not comply. They argued that there were more heinous crimes happening and that Johnson should solve them instead. Johnson arrested them and took them to MPD for processing.

SOMETIMES I SLEEP NAKED TOO

Nov. 23, 1:14 a.m. Officer McKinney was dispatched to Wells Hall because of an intoxicated girl. He went to the room and found the girl passed out on the floor with her underwear around her knees. McKinney had her roommates get her dressed and requested Emergency Medical Services. After a couple minutes she woke up and began throwing up. McKinney confirmed from multiple people including her boyfriend that nothing sexual had happened and that she had pulled her underwear down herself. One of her friends said she was going to go downtown, but she became too intoxicated. EMS arrived and took her to the Oconee Regional Medical Center for alcohol poisoning treatment. The case was sent to Student Judicial.

NICE RACK, BUT NO BIKE

Nov. 24, 10:19 p.m. Officer Kennedy was sent to the bike rack outside of Adams Hall in response to a stolen bike. Kennedy met with the owner who said he last saw it locked to the bike rack two weeks before. When he returned, the bike was missing. He described the bike as a red and grey 2014 TREK 820 valued at \$500. The incident has been turned over to investigations.

THEFT BY DECEPTION SOUNDS COOLER THAN IT IS

Nov. 25, 11:40 p.m. Officer McWilliams was called to Main Campus by Sgt. Smith because a man was walking around campus asking for donations in support of the American Red Cross. However, they knew the man was not affiliated with the humanitarian organization. McWilliams and Smith made contact with the man and arrested him for theft by deception. He was taken to the Baldwin County Life Enrichment Center and given a trespass warning.

IT'S A PUBLIC UNIVERSITY. NOT A PUBLIC LIBRARY

Nov. 26, 10:38 p.m. Officer Chatman was sent to Russell Library in response to a person trespassing on campus. Chatman made contact with the guy and ran his identification. Dispatch then notified Chatman that the guy had been banned from campus since 2011, so he was arrested and taken to the Baldwin County jail.

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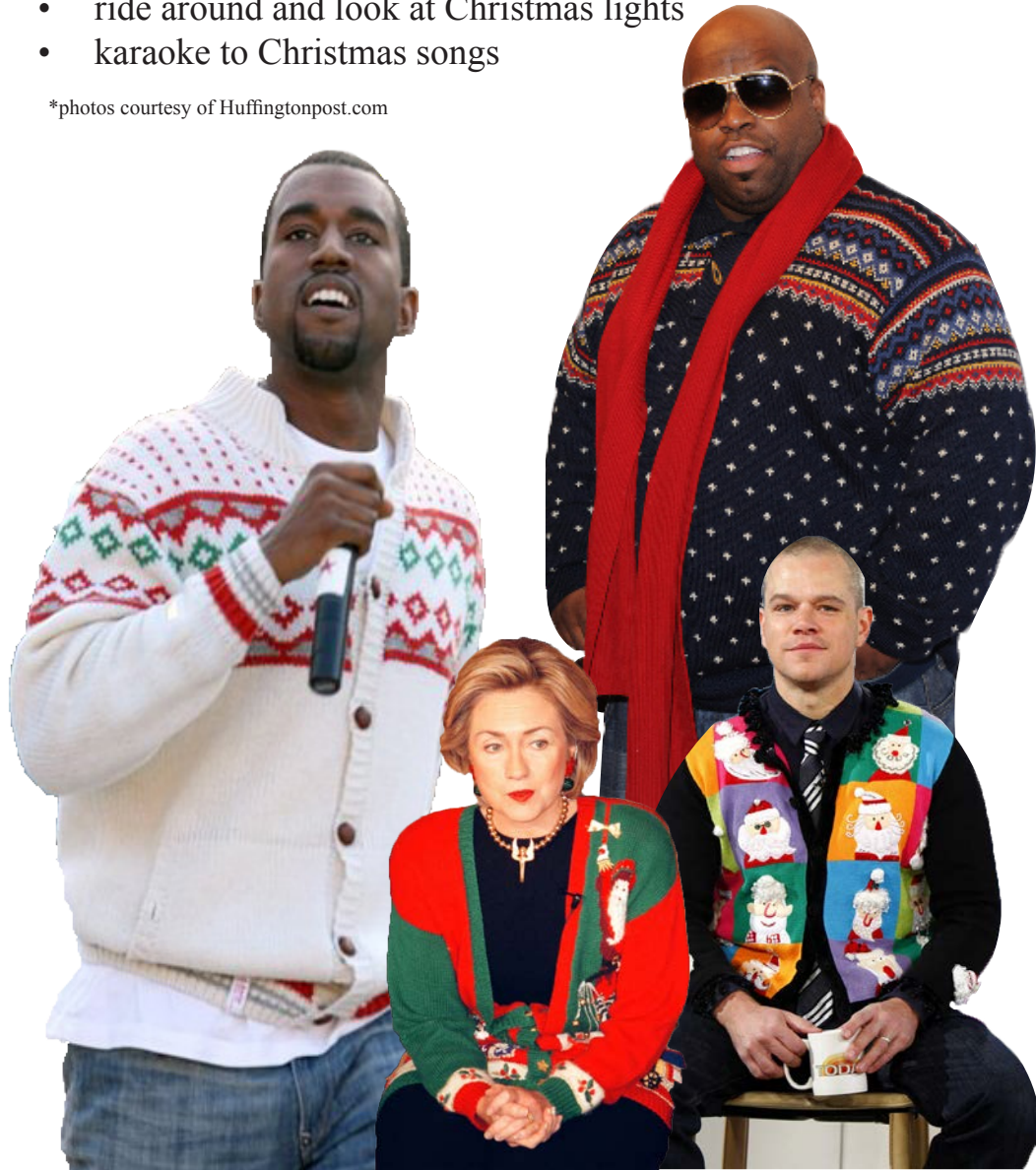
THIS TIME SEASON

Students reflect on how they spend their holidays after the craziness of finals week

Have a Rockin’ Holiday

- have a tacky sweater contest
- make gingerbread cocktails
- eat christmas cookies and drink hot chocolate
- do an ornament exchange or secret santa
- ride around and look at Christmas lights
- karaoke to Christmas songs

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Crunchy leaves, bare trees, boots, scarves and a cool breeze indicate the coming winter season. As buildings finally become warmer and jackets roll into fashion, there is a certain magical feeling that encompasses this cheery time of year. Most holiday traditions for students do not involve staying on Milly’s antique streets, but instead many people happily visit family, friends and celebrate their break with loved ones.

Traditions tend to accumulate around the holidays, some unique and quirky, but still popular among many. For instance, some people sprinkle corn over their yards to feed Santa’s reindeer on Christmas Eve. On New Year’s Eve, some bang pots and pans, some throw confetti and some ring in the new year by toasting with champagne.

Whether you’re celebrating with your family or those crazy neighbors who are way too excited, the holidays still bring laughter and fond memories to all.

Some of the best memories are created when family gathers to celebrate. From family dinners and exchanging gifts to decorating the tree, Georgia College students celebrate the holidays in fun and unique ways.

“We hide a pickle ornament in our tree,” said Rebecca Winslow, freshman Spanish major. “Whoever is the first to find it gets to open their presents first.”

Kennedy Godwin, a freshman pre-nursing major, and her family have a tradition rooted in trivia.

“In order to open a present we have to answer a trivia question,” she said. “If you don’t get it right, you can’t open a present.”

Many memories are formed and created as families get together over the winter break. Professor Rebecca Miles, academic advisor for many students, remembers many Italian Christmas Eves with her dad’s side of the family, with lots of laughter and stories around the dinner table.

Freshman Griffin Wilkens remissed about the time he was supposed to blow out the Menorah candles one Hanukkah season, but he stayed up late playing video games instead.

“The next morning we are all downstairs eating breakfast, and I walk by the Menorah, and I see that the candles’ wax have almost encased the Menorah entirely, all of it melted,” he said. “I swapped the Menorahs, so no one knew.”

Along with receiving gifts from friends and family, some traditions involve more giving than receiving. Giving back to the community is a tradition that many families like to uphold. Shoes boxes get stuffed with toys for Operation Christmas Child, food kitchens bustle with volunteers helping to feed the needy, donations of unwrapped toys for Toys for Tots takes place at malls and donation boxes overflow with coats, blankets, cans and candy canes to spread good cheer.

As the season of giving dies down, another holiday comes to the forefront of everyone’s mind. Involving lots of sparkles, partying, eating and sharing resolutions, New Year’s Eve is a celebration bringing with it a ‘new year, new me’ attitude. As the ball drops on New Year’s Eve, many traditions between loved ones emerge.

Nicolas Merino, freshman physics major, and his family look to inspire riches and travel with their New Year’s Eve tradition.

“We stand up on chairs as the ball is dropping and the New Year is about to start. We have money in our pockets so it brings riches for the next year, and we hold luggage in our hands so we can travel a lot,” he said.

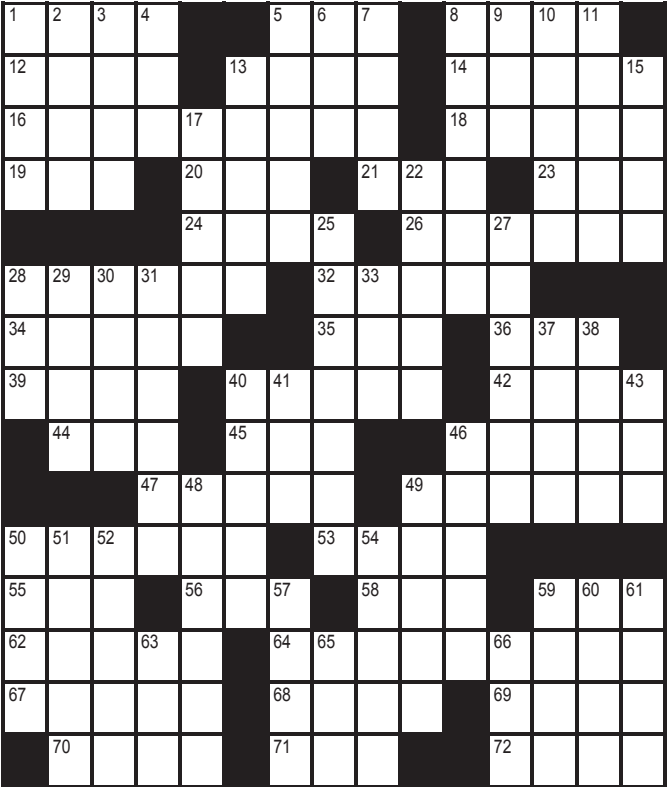
It is these deep seeded traditions and memories that students hold onto and bring with them into the future. Some are derived from different cultural influences, and others are quirky family upbringings.

Either way, the winter season is a fun one. With any luck we’ll have a little snow this break and make many more memories for future years.

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The 18th Annual Nutcracker

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The sound of holiday music swept through the halls of Miller Gym as ballet dancers leapt and twirled about its dance floors.

They were preparing for the Nutcracker Ballet, a dance feature that will be showcased at Russell Auditorium Dec. 12, 13 and 14.

Compared to last year's Nutcracker Ballet, there will be more of a variety of dance styles from around the world.

"There are tons of different styles, so it's not just ballet dance," said Jenna Allenson, junior middle grades education major. "We have Indian, which is more hip-hop, but modern type."

Allenson will play several roles in "The Nutcracker." Some of the roles include: a snowflake, a Chinese soloist, a candy-cane soloist and an Arabian.

There will be French maidens, Indian dancers and even dancing reindeer.

Allenson and the other cast members practiced their parts two days a week, including weekends. They have been rehearsing for their ballet performance since September.

"We put in a lot of work and hopefully that shows and that it doesn't look like it was too hard," Allenson said. "It wasn't

easy, but it wasn't hard."

The work that the cast members put in will add diversity to the play, according to Allenson.

"I think we have a lot of new dances this year," Allenson said. "Every year, we have something new or something changed. I think it adds diversity and I think the audience will like the diversity."

The goal behind putting on "The Nutcracker" is simple: to put the audience in the holiday spirits.

"Hopefully, they'll leave appreciating the art and the effort we put into the play," Allenson said. "We hope that they will have enjoyed the experience and magic we put into it."

Allenson's favorite scene from the Nutcracker Ballet is a Magical Moment for her.

"I really like the dream scene where Clara goes to sleep, wakes up, and is with the prince and this kingdom of sweets (with) snow coming down," Allenson said. "I just think the snow coming down is so pretty and so elegant. We try to make (the dream aspect of this part) come alive."

To purchase tickets for The Nutcracker Ballet, visit www.gcsu-tickets.com.



Holiday movie premiers

If you need something to do over the break, check out these five movies that will soon be coming to a theater near you.

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Wild- Wednesday, Dec. 3

From the directors of “The Dallas Buyers Club,” comes the powerful and emotional movie “Wild.” Already getting Oscar buzz for best picture, Reese Witherspoon plays Cheryl Strayed who decides to walk more than a thousand miles of the Pacific Crest Trail alone, after the destruction of her marriage and the death of her mother. Based on the bestselling memoir by Cheryl Strayed, “Wild” captures the emotions, physicality and power of the journey Strayed took.

Annie- Friday, Dec. 19

“Annie” is getting an update in the year 2014. This modern day version of the film follows the same storyline as the 1924 strip Little Orphan Annie. Quvenzhané Wallis, who is an Academy Award Nominee, plays Annie in modern-day New York City. Left by her parents at a foster home, Annie lives every day under the evil authority of Miss Hannigan (Cameron Diaz). It isn’t until she meets New York mayoral candidate Will Stacks (Jamie Foxx) that her hard knock life turns into a loving family.

Into The Woods- Thursday, Dec. 25

The popular musical “Into the Woods,” which combines the stories of several Brothers Grimm Fairy Tales, is finally coming to theaters Christmas Day. The movie features an all star

cast including Anna Kendrick (Cinderella), Lilla Crawford (Red Riding Hood), Daniel Huttleston (Jack and the Beanstalk), Emily Blunt (Bakers wife), Johnny Depp (Wolf) and Meryl Streep (Witch). The film, which is still in a musical format, follows the classic tales of all the characters and is brought together by the wish the baker and his wife have to start their own family.

The Interview- Thursday, Dec. 25

From the people that brought you “This is the End” and “The Neighbors” comes the hilariously funny movie “The Interview.” Dave Skylark (James Franco), host of “Skylark Tonight,” and Aaron Rapoport (Seth Rogen), his producer, land an interview with North Korean leader Kim Jong-un after they discover he is a fan of their show. The CIA sees this interview as an opportunity to assassinate Kim Jong-un and recruit Skylark and Rapoport, who are the two most inexperienced men for the job.

Unbroken- Thursday, Dec. 25

Directed by Angelina Jolie, “Unbroken” is based on the best-selling nonfiction book by Laura Hillenbrand. The film follows the life of Louis Zamperini (Jack O’Connell), a famous Olympic runner who spends 47 days at sea after surviving a plane crash and more than two years as a prisoner of Japanese war camps during World War II. The film required the actors to diet for months and brave choppy waters in Moreton Bay.



SASS AND THE MILLY

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In a world full of amazing wonders and mysteries, staying in one place is possibly the worst thing a person can do with their life – a part of growing up is exploring different places and discovering where you fit in.

Change is one of the most terrifying and exhilarating parts of life. It is something that we cannot avoid, for without change, our lives are stagnant and a stagnant life is not worth living. Recently, I made a decision to embrace change and see where it may take me.

This month, I am a bobcat; next month, I will be a bulldog. Deciding to transfer to UGA next semester was one of the hardest choices I’ve ever made.

When I first decided to attend Georgia College, I did so because my sister goes here and I wanted to be close to her. I was afraid of change and I flocked to what was familiar to me. My sister is one of my best friends and I feel so lucky to have her close by.

Since being here, I have made friends and joined organizations that have helped make this past year and a half absolutely incredible. I was skeptical to join The Colonnade at first because I usually hate when people read my writing and I want to go into film more than journalism. At first, I wrote articles to get extra credit for my Professional Media Writing class with Doug Monroe. That’s where it all started...

On the very first day of class with Monroe we watched a video called, “What if money were no object,” narrated by Alan Watts. The video spoke on making decisions based on what inspires you – it emphasized doing what you love instead of what would make you money.

After class I thought long and hard about that video and watched it about 10 more times that day. I realized that there was not one thing that I absolutely loved to do. I mean, I’m not completely square, I like to have fun and I find happiness in simple things, but I could honestly not come up with something that I would want to

spend the rest of my life doing.

I decided to immerse myself in hobbies that I would not normally do, the first on my not-to-do list was become a journalist. When I first started publishing in The Colonnade, I refused to look at the paper -- I would submit my article to the editor and pretend like it was never run in the issue.

Over time, I fell in love with journalism, I found myself annotating the New York Times and cutting out articles to tape on my wall. What I love most about writing in a newspaper is getting to tell a story, getting to teach people about something that they would otherwise never know happened. From journalism, I discovered my passion for movie making and now I finally feel confident that through this, I will find happiness in my future work.

Unable to let go of journalism quite yet, I accepted an offer to join the editorial team of The Colonnade as Assistant Editor of Entertainment this semester. I was really nervous about my position because I had absolutely no idea what I was getting myself into. Within the first few meetings with my fellow Colonnerds, we became a family.

I imagined the staff of a newspaper being made up of pretentious bitches, but my Colonnade family is just a gaggle of sass.

I made the decision to transfer to UGA because I am interested in their Mass Media Arts major and ultimately because I can’t stay in one place for a long time. This past semester has been the best semester I’ve ever had and I have no doubt that it has a lot to do with the incredible people at this school.

I am so proud to have been a GC bobcat and a writer, assistant editor and columnist for the school paper. I love this small town and I will definitely be back to visit. For this last publication of Sass in the Milly, I want to thank Doug Monroe for completely confusing me about my life direction, The Colonnerds for accepting me into their family and all of you bobcats for making these semesters so amazing.

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things to do in Milly

1

Directing Scenes
Friday, Dec. 5 at 8 p.m. at Black Box Theatre
GC's Directing 1 class will be presenting their scenes, performed by fellow students. Admission is free.

2

Holiday Concert Extravaganza
Friday, Dec. 5 at 7:30 p.m. at Russell Auditorium
The Music Department presents a holiday compilation of several GC Choruses.

3

CAB Midnight Breakfast
Monday, Dec. 8 at 10:00 p.m. at The Max
Take a study break with CAB's traditional Midnight Breakfast. It's the highlight of finals week. Get there early to get one of the 250 free T-shirts.

4

Nutcracker Ballet
Dec. 12 and 13 at 7 p.m. and 14 at 2 p.m. at Russell Auditorium
After finals are over, enjoy GC's 18th annual Nutcracker Ballet. Dancers range from ages 3 to adult. Tickets can be bought at the door.

5

An A Cappella Christmas
Dec. 17 at 7:30 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church
This concert features GC's a cappella group, Max Noah Singers. If you're still in town, be sure to check it out.

Diversity Peer Educators 2015-2016



Diversity Peer Educators are a group of student leaders dedicated to facilitating conversations among the student body about various issues of diversity. The role of the Diversity Peer Educator will be to improve inclusivity within the Georgia College community through peer education and advocacy. This will include utilizing group facilitation, collaborating with Housing, and completion of semesterly requirements. Selection Process will include interview.

Position Requirements

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- Good verbal communication and presentation skills
- Demonstrate the ability to work in a team

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No, sorry I can't read her mind

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I'm a twin. You may be a twin too. But if you're not a twin, chances are that you have some questions about it. And chances are that your questions are ridiculous. So let me answer them before you have the chance to make me mad.

My twin sister's name is Elizabeth. She's 19 and was born on May 2, 1995 to Gene Paulsson and Cindy Cobb. Coincidentally, I'm 19 and was born on May 2, 1995 to Gene Paulsson and Cindy Cobb. Yes, that makes us twins.

Sometimes I'll know what Elizabeth's going to say before she says it. However, that's not because I can read her mind.

It's because I know her like I know how to add two plus two. And that's because we've grown up together. It's not some kind of mystical twin power. I wish those were real, but unfortunately, at least in my experience, they're not.

I can't (physically) feel her pain. I can't telepathically communicate with her. Sorry to disappoint you.

Also, if you ask me if my sister and I are identical, I'll probably respond with profanity, followed by a rant about the differences between the male and female reproductive organs.

Now that I've told you what isn't true about twins, I'll get to the good stuff: memories and experiences that explain why I love being a twin.

One good thing is that I always have a go-to

answer if someone wants to know something interesting about me. You know that annoying icebreaker that all teachers use on the first day of class? All I have to say is that I'm a twin, and all of a sudden I'm mysterious and desirable.

My sister and I spent a lot of time together as kids. My parents worked, and the only person I could hang out with was my sister. Sadly, she had the dominant personality and we usually ended up doing whatever she wanted to do.

Which may or may not have included playing with stuffed animals and making them talk.

Yes, I just got real with you.

No, I'm not ashamed.

Those were some good times. As we grew up, our personalities changed. We didn't always get along.

Okay, we barely got along.

But we made it through the fights and arguments and crying and yelling.

We made it through middle school. Barely.

We made it through having four classes together our junior year of high school.

Yes, I said four.

And finally, we've made it through a year of attending separate colleges, Elizabeth at the University of Georgia and me here at Georgia College.

The thing about twins is that it's just like most sibling relationships. The only difference is that everything is intensified. The competition, the arguments, the laughter, the bond.

So even though she's mean and irritating and frustrating and thinks life is a Disney movie, she's still my favorite person in the world.

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I'd like to congratulate the Bobcats on another undefeated football sesason.

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Cross country aims for next season

Men’s and women’s cross country teams fail to reach the Naitonals

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The Georgia College men’s cross country team battled it out in the NCAA Southeast Regional Championship, but fell short of their initial goals taking tenth overall in the race.

Assistant Coach Steven Cary says he’s proud of the team’s effort and showing despite some setbacks.

“I thought that both teams performed well considering the circumstances,” said Coach Steven Cary. “We battled some minor injuries down the stretch, a little bit of inexperience and the race day conditions were warmer than usual this time of year.”

Junior runner Paul McNeil finished his season with a top 25 finish in a field of 165 competitors. McNeil recorded a time of 33:45, making him the 23rd fastest on the day.

Other junior cross country runners James Ryden and Michael Warrick contributed to the men’s team’s success with 42nd and 64th place finishes respectively.

Cary was pleased to see the men’s team start to build a solid foundation in the NCAA Regional Tournament.

“All-in-all it was a positive team effort by our men and women, and I was glad to see our men crack the top 10 for the second straight season,” Cary said.

The women’s team’s performance was a little less impressive than that of the men’s team, but it wasn’t without some positive notes to end the season on.

While the team placed 15th overall, junior Rachel Pasko led the women’s team, finishing 63rd overall.

Pasko has lead the team in every race this season, and it doesn’t look like she’ll slow down anytime soon. Pasko also broke the Georgia College women’s

record in the Peach Belt Conference Championship 6K race with a time of 22:37.

Though the rest of the women’s team’s performance was underwhelming, that doesn’t mean they won’t get stronger in the future.

“We knew early on that this was going to be a rebuilding year for our women’s team,” Cary said. “Despite our youth, the ladies competed well all season and showed that they have the potential to be a conference contender in the coming years.”

Cary has high hopes for the men’s team as well.

“We really thought we had a chance to be one of the top teams in the conference this season,” the assistant coach said. “Pending whether we can stay healthy and focused, I’d say we have a great shot at finishing well in the conference and region meets in 2015.”

Nick Landon



FSU:
overrated
and
unworthy

We’ll find out this weekend if Florida State will remain undefeated on the year, and we’ll find out in about three weeks if Jameis Winston will remain undefeated in the court system.

Conference championship weekend is upon us, and that means the standings are almost set in stone for the first ever College Football Playoff. Undefeated Florida State is currently fourth in the nation, falling from third place. This has some people upset.

In short, my gripe here is that Florida State University doesn’t deserve to be in the top four -- and not just because I hate Jameis Winston.

Florida State wins games, sure. “At the end of the day we still find a way to win games,” Seminoles senior offensive tackle Cameron Erving said. “It’s amazing the resiliency of this team.”

Florida State doesn’t find a way to win, they just keep playing OK football and wait for the other team to lose. I call it getting “Winstoned”

Lets travel down a timeline of Florida State’s “perfect season.”

The defending national champs kicked off their season with an impressive six-point win over the 5-6 Oklahoma State Cowboys. This was followed by an excusable 23-17 win over Clemson, then a three-score win over NC State, who led the ‘Noles 24-7 in the first quarter. Bang! Winstoned! But that’s really as impressive as Florida State’s season gets.

Notre Dame would have doomed the Seminoles to a decent bowl game instead of a playoff berth if not for an offensive pass interference call that erased a go-ahead touchdown. Zing! Winstoned!

The Seminoles also nearly fell to Miami, only squeezing by with a 30-26 win. Miami led the ‘Noles at the half 23-10. Pow! Winstoned!

Florida State managed to squeak by again in a 20-17 win with a last-second field goal against the exceedingly “decent” Boston College Eagles. Whamo! Winstoned!

The week after the nailbiter against Boston College, the regular season grand finale came down to a narrow 24-19 win over the 6-5 Florida Gators. Combo Breaker! Winstoned!

Florida State is a fine team, but they’re not the fourth best in the country for sliding by decent teams all year.

Baylor has played better football, and deserves the number four spot more -- despite one loss on their otherwise very nice resume.

Ohio State University has reason enough to be in the mix as well. I’ll take anyone but Florida State.

The problem is, if history repeats itself, Georgia Tech will take a commanding lead in the first half. I’m guessing the Jackets will lead FSU by three scores closing out the second quarter. Then, Georgia Tech will play comically bad football for the next hour and a half and then boom! Winstoned!



ELLIE SMITH / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER
Larice Walker’s, Shanteona Keys’ offense carries GC to win.

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The women’s basketball team has responded to starting the season 0-2 by stringing together a timely three-game winning streak.

“We’ve been shooting the ball a lot better the last three games, and our defense has been playing even better than our offense,” head coach Maurice Smith said.

Georgia College vs. Tuskegee

After losing consecutive games to Florida Southern and Tampa to begin the season, the Bobcats bounced back and destroyed Tuskegee 91-65 last Friday to kick off the Classic at North Georgia.

GC had total control of the game, and senior guard Shanteona Keys set the tone with her sharp shooting and team-high 22 points.

As one of only three seniors on the club, Keys went 6-8 from the field, exemplifying her veteran presence.

Sophomore guard Larice Walker contributed with 15 points and tied with senior guard Elisha Donley for the club lead in rebounds with five. Walker also finished the night with a team-high five assists and three steals.

The Bobcat bench was fully involved in the blowout victory Friday night. The bench scored 36 points, backed by freshman guard Alexia Manning’s 12 points.

“We’ve been getting good looks, and we’re knocking them down,” Smith said. “We’re shooting the ball well, and we have to keep it up.”

Turnovers, or lack there of, were also

main factors of the GC win. The Bobcats turned the ball over 12 times compared to Tuskegee’s 19. GC went on to score 31 points off of turnovers.

Georgia College vs. Stillman

The Bobcat squad carried their momentum from last Friday’s game into their next game as they beat Stillman 71-65 last Saturday, thanks largely in part to the play of Donley.

Donley paved the way offensively, leading all scorers with 24 points. She shot better than 50 percent from the field, and went 10-14 from the free throw line.

Walker continued her impressive play and recorded team-highs with five assists and four steals. She also contributed with seven rebounds.

The Bobcat bench found success for the second straight game. Senior forward Belinda Schaafsma lead all bench players with an impressive 19 points in limited minutes. She also brought in a team-leading nine rebounds.

In a rare occurrence Keys didn’t start, but still found a way to contribute 12 points from the bench.

“The bench has given us a terrific spark of energy,” Smith said.

The turnover ratio once again fell in favor of the Bobcats. They turned the ball over seven times, while Stillman committed 12.

Additionally, GC outrebounded Stillman 46-37.

Georgia College vs. West Georgia

In a back and forth game that saw nine lead changes, the Bobcats outlasted the Wolves by a score of 64-62 Tuesday night



GC Women’s basketball wins three straight

at the Centennial Center in the Bobcats’ home opener.

The nail-biting matchup made for an exciting, yet stressful game, as GC fans got their first chance to see the lady Bobcats in action.

This marked the third consecutive win for the streaking Bobcats, and the team’s chemistry is continuing to improve.

Donley led the Bobcats in scoring for the second-straight game with 15 points, and just like last Saturday’s game, she made seven of her 13 field goal attempts.

As previously mentioned, the play of GC bench players has undoubtedly helped the Bobcats pull out wins. The GC bench was back at it again Tuesday night as they combined to score 28 points.

Sophomore guard Lindsey Reed recorded 14 points, enough to lead all bench players.

Additionally, Reed’s defense is also receiving praise. Smith said he’s been using Reed to guard the opposing teams’ best players.

“She’s giving us tremendous energy, and I’m proud of the way she’s playing,” Smith said.

The Bobcats physical presence down low also played a large role Tuesday night. GC scored 28 points in the paint, while holding West Georgia to 20.

In addition, the big players in the paint have held their own rebounding, as they’ve outrebounded their opponents in two of the tree wins.

“Our defense getting rebounds is what we hang our hat on, and we have do that night in and night out,” Smith said.

Up next, the GC squad will travel to take on Fort Valley State at 6 p.m. on Saturday. The Bobcats are looking to notch their fourth win in as many tries.

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MEN’S BASKETBALL

GC VS. FORT VALLEY STATE

SATURDAY, DEC. 6 @ 8 P.M.

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WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

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The next home game won't be until January 10, but GC can still show support by following the basketball team on twitter at @GC_hoops.



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